



Dr. Ernie Bond wins Maryland Teacher of the Year Award

By Sara Sutton
Staff Writer

Dr. Ernie Bond, a Salisbury University professor of the education department, won 2007 Maryland Professor of the Year, a first for any college on the Eastern Shore.

Started in 1981, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) has been presenting the award to honor the most collegiate instructors in the country.

"This is not the kind of award that an individual can win without a very supportive environment, so it reflects highly on my department and the Salisbury University community," Bond said.

Bond was presented this award on Nov. 14 at the Inter-Continental Hotel and Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

This is the second award for excellence Bond has received this year. In the spring semester he won the Regents Award for Excellence in Teaching presented by the University System of Maryland.

"To be recognized by two such distinguished institutions places Dr. Bond in the forefront of educators nationwide," said SU President Janet Dudley - Eshbach. "Salisbury University is now widely recognized as a Maryland university of national



Kathy Pusey photo

SU professor Dr. Ernie Bond

distinction. Dr. Bond's award epitomizes the meaning of that expression. Our students are fortunate to have a professor who brings the world into his classroom and takes them out into the world. He is an exemplary mentor, teacher and colleague."

Bond is an expert in children's literature and teaches both upper level undergraduate and graduate courses on the subject.

"There are many things my college students need to learn about using literature as future teachers, but the most important is to instill in kids an excitement and inquisitiveness about what they are reading," Bond said.

Bond has taken Salisbury University students abroad to Iceland, England, Australia, New Zealand and Germany. He has also been known to work extensively online, bringing in authors from all over as well as connecting SU students to children in China, Estonia and New Zealand. iPod shuffles and audio books have also made it into his class room to encourage students into reading.

"The world is Ernie's classroom," said Dr. Nancy Michelson of SU's Education Specialties Department. "Since arriving at SU in 1999, he has combined his passion for world-wide children's literature with his extensive technological expertise to introduce his students to global experiences that go far beyond the classroom."

Wayne Gilchrest shares his perspectives on the war

By Sarah Lake
Editor in Chief

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest outlined his perspectives on the War in Iraq Thursday night to a full house in the Worcester Room above the Commons. During his speech, he stressed the importance of an open dialogue with Middle Eastern countries as the next step forward in the United States' role in Iraq.

"The way forward for the United States is to be seen as an objective participant in dialogue about the political, economic and military future of the Middle East," Gilchrest said.

Gilchrest began his speech by quoting Norman Cousins, former editor of the *Saturday Night Post* and author of *Human Options*, a book about making a decision on any level, whether it is political or personal.

"Knowledge is the solvent of danger," Acquiring information; becoming competent - easily the best solution for getting a problem solved," he said. "Norman Cousins also said, 'History is a vast early warning system.' Know something about the region. Know something about the conflicts of the past."

Gilchrest provided the audience with a historical frame of reference that he claims he has used to "understand the nature and the



Sarah Lake photo

Congressman Wayne Gilchrest spoke to a full house on Thursday night as he expressed the importance of an open dialogue in the Middle East.

complexity of the culture and the religion of the fractured region we know as the Middle East; upon which leads to how I vote in Congress."

He referenced President Eisenhower's response to Chief Director of the Soviet Union Nikita Khrushchev's 1959 threat to "bury" the United States with nuclear weapons. "What was President Eisenhower's response to all this rhetoric? He invited [Khrushchev] to the United States

- to visit New York City; to visit farms; to ride the train. There was a dialogue."

According to Gilchrest, when Washington received intelligence reports stating that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld prematurely put a plan into action to enter Iraq, ignoring the military's opposition to such an invasion. Rumsfeld needed 500,000 troops to secure the roads with convoys, to secure

the borders so that foreign insurgents could not come in and to secure the cities after the capture and fall of Saddam Hussein. "But we were unsuccessful because there weren't enough troops. And maybe there would have never been enough troops. That's a debate for the Army and War College," Gilchrest said.

About two weeks ago, the House had a meeting with the current Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates. "We may not have listened to the military in the past, but we're listening to them now," Secretary Gates said.

Gilchrest has been to Iraq three times since the beginning of the war. During his latest trip in October, he claimed that military commanders said that the military can no longer sustain "this type of military hardware and this type of deployment of American military forces in this region, at this state."

The draw down of troops, Gilchrest said, has begun. "By June, there will be 30,000 less troops in Iraq. And after June, the pace of the draw down will continue and the pace will be more accurately determined."

Gilchrest continually stresses to his Congressional colleagues that the debate over whether or not to withdraw is over. "We need to begin talking about how we can

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Renewable Energy conference investigates the conservation of current and future energy sources

By Jonathan Moynihan
Staff Writer

This past Thursday, Salisbury University's BEACON (Business, Economics, and Community Outreach Network) hosted the ShoreENERGY Renewable Energy Conference, addressing the conservation of current and future energy sources.

Roughly 50 researchers, professors and professionals gathered in attendance to discuss new sources of energy such as bio-fuels, wind, geothermal, solar and nuclear power, with speakers whose expertise provided key information about possible renewable sources.

"[Energy] is central to the economy, national security and the environment," said Director of ShoreENERGY Danny Ervin.

The conference began with traditional introductions briefly touching on several key issues and then thanked SU for hosting this key opportunity for these leaders in research to discuss such an important topic.

"SU is uniquely positioned to provide an unbiased arena to discuss the objectives and issues that need to be faced," said Tylor Claggett, associate director of ShoreENERGY.

The agenda then switched to bio-fuels, the first energy source to be discussed that day. Reggie Harrell, Professor of Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences at the University of Maryland, began with general statistics proving how the energy crisis is a real, threatening issue.

"Ninety-three percent of energy comes from non-renewable sources,"



Adrienne Price photo

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said Harrell. "Sixty percent of US Petroleum is imported, 40 percent of that from OPEC countries."

Harrell went on to explain the topic of corn and its use in ethanol.

He explained that ethanol is a great source of energy for the future; however, it cannot meet the demands in every aspect. Agriculture, transportation and commercial industries all desire corn producing ethanol as alternative energy sources, but there simply isn't enough to go around, he said. Even poultry companies need corn.

Sixty-five to seventy percent of the chicken diet is corn, and the Delmarva Peninsula only produced 63 percent of its yearly average this past year.

"We cannot meet the need for fuel

demands with corn if we try to meet every aspect of the demand," Harrell said.

After bio-fuels, the agenda drifted to other energy sources including solar power. President and CEO of Prescient Marketing, Dave Buemi, discussed the future of solar energy, but also the fact that nations outside of the United States have already largely begun depending on alternative sources of energy.

When asked why the United States was behind on its dependency of alternative sources, Buemi said it was due to the leadership of the nation and its government.

"Our government can't seem to think outside the box," Buemi said. "It's in a paradox of supporting the older companies. There are structur-

al issues, that without change, no big change can occur unless new leaders break through."

The issue of renewable energy and conservation is a serious and pressing one, facing current and future generations.

But perhaps it was good that this conference was not directed specifically towards the students, considering one speaker was found dozing off during another's presentation.

The answers to solving future energy problems are still being investigated, but as research increases for new and renewable energy sources, the future looks bright.

"It's a collection of solutions. A portfolio of generating assets including all alternative energy sources," Ervin said.

SU student faces sexual abuse charges



Internet photo

Student Jenna Ashley Herrmann

By Sean Gossard
News Editor

Allegations arose Tuesday against 23-year-old SU history education student Jenna Ashley Herrmann regarding charges of sexual relations with a 14-year-old boy.

Herrmann worked as a teacher's assistant at Pittsville Elementary and Middle School and is currently being held at the Wicomico County Detention Center on a \$100,000 bond.

Herrmann is being charged with two counts of second-degree custody child abuse, two counts of third-degree sex offense, two counts of sex abuse of a minor and two counts of fourth-degree sex offense.

The alleged sexual abuse took place at both the victim's and Herrmann's residences from Oct. 1 until Nov. 27, according to a press release issued by Wicomico County State's Attorney Davis Ruark.

Prosecutors say that three witnesses have stepped forward claiming to have information on the case. One witness claimed Herrmann sent him nude pictures of herself and letters inviting him to have sex.

Another witness claimed to have received pictures of Herrmann and the 14-year-old having sex.

One witness also stated that Herrmann asked if he wanted to have sex, to which he replied yes, but was unable to because his sister was there.

"We take these allegations very seriously," Vice President of Student Affairs Ellen Neufeldt said.

"Even if this isn't true, teachers should never act in a way that would lead people to think this has happened," said education major Ariana DeCampo.

"I want to reassure you that the University takes allegations such as these very seriously, and will take appropriate and timely action to ensure the safety of our campus and the broader community," said Neufeldt in her e-mail to the campus on Thursday.

Another e-mail was released from the president's office on Friday reassuring the campus that SU's education department maintains the highest standards of its students.

"We've worked hard on our relationship with the community," said Dean of the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies Dr. Dennis Pataniczek. Both Pataniczek and Neufeldt said they remain positive about SU's relationship with the community.

Herrmann was suspended from the school on Tuesday by her SU supervisors and placed on interim suspension at SU. The 14 year-old was transferred out of Pittsville Elementary and Middle School to another school in the county.

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News briefs

A Cappella Concert
SQUAWKAPPELLA, Salisbury's only A Cappella Group, is having a concert tonight, Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6:15 pm in Caruthers Auditorium. The performance is free and open to the public. Don't miss it - it's a Shore Thing!

Jazz Band performs at SU
The Jazz Ambassadors, the United States Army's premier jazz orchestra, perform at Salisbury University at 2 pm, Sunday, Dec. 9, in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The concert is part of the 19-member big band's "Home for the Holidays" tour.

Volunteers needed for commencement ceremony
Volunteers are needed for commencement on Saturday, Dec. 15, to help with guest seating, programs and related duties. Volunteers report to the Civic Center at 10 a.m. and finish at the conclusion of the ceremony estimated at 4:30 p.m. Interested students or staff should contact Tammy Gharbi at tgharbi@salisbury.edu

NCUR volunteers needed
400 to 500 volunteers are needed for the NCUR conference, hosted by SU. From stuffing conference packets, to providing airport shuttles, to monitoring poster sessions, volunteers are needed both before and during the conference (April 10-12). In addition, NCUR organizers are looking for faculty moderators to assist with student presentations and poster sessions. All volunteers will receive a free conference T-shirt. Other benefits include the opportunity to network with students and faculty from campuses across the United States. To register as a volunteer, visit the SU NCUR Web site. For more information, contact Heather Holmes at hwholmes@salisbury.edu.

Blackwell Library, Leash on Life sponsor annual Homeless Pet Collection

By Katelyn Johnson
Staff Writer

All throughout the community people are brimming with holiday spirit and on campus it is no different.

At Salisbury, students can get involved by helping out the Blackwell Library with their annual Homeless Pet Collection. The collection, which began on Nov. 12 and will run through Dec. 20, will benefit various local animal shelters just in time for the holidays.

"I think this is the seventh or eighth year we've done this and the second year the student club Leash on Life has been involved," said Susan Wheatley, a library technician who is one of the event's organizers.

"Come by and see our pictures and stories about adopted animals. We also have hand-outs with lists of items needed by the three shelters," Wheatley said.

The donations collected will be divided between three local animal shelters: the Wicomico Humane

Society, the Somerset County Humane Society and the Good Shepherd Cat Sanctuary in Salisbury.

The wish list, available at a display right inside the library's lobby, includes ordinary animal items such as toys, treats, shampoo, brushes and leashes/collars as well as things like household cleaners, bleach, laundry detergent and dish soap.

Monetary donations are also appreciated and it is stressed that no amount is too small. Money does not even have to be an issue however; even items such as old newspapers made the shelter's wish list.

"We started from a desire to do something special for the holidays that would appeal to everyone no matter what beliefs or backgrounds. Everyone loves animals and [the drive] has continually grown each year," Wheatley said.

Students who would like to get involved are welcome to stop by the library's circulation desk or contact the Leash on Life organization at suleashonlife@yahoo.com.



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Donations can be dropped off in Blackwell Library between Nov. 12 and Dec. 20.

Students report 13 break-ins over Thanksgiving



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University Village, along with various other common SU student residence areas, experienced numerous break-ins over Thanksgiving break.

By Shari M. Carew
Staff Writer

This past Thanksgiving break, 13 break-ins concerning Salisbury University students were reported.

This includes homes in University Village on Olney Road, university townhouses on Honey Suckle Drive, Cedar Crossing, Smith Street and the New Zoo.

The common trend for entry was cutting the screen on windows and sliding open un-locked windows. The only vandalism that occurred was the breaking open of locked doors within the residences. Other than taking cash out of one home, no other items of value were reported stolen.

"They know the area and know you're a college student. Notify a

neighbor, make sure windows and doors are locked and secure; come by here and let us know that you're going to be gone, we'll do a Dwellings Temporarily Vacant," said Lieutenant Ron Kemp of the Salisbury Police Department.

Filling out Dwelling Temporarily Vacant form alerts police to do patrol checks of your residency.

With the approach of winter break it's important to pay close attention to e-mails from the campus police on safety precautions for both individuals and their residences.

Leaving on lights and stopping the flow of mail to your residence can help in these precautions. It's important to remember to take portable items of expense.

Crime beat

11/15/07

9:00 a.m.

Counterfeit Currency
An employee reported a counterfeit bill was discovered by University Dining Services.

11/15/07-11/18/07

12:01 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Malicious Destruction of Property
Several parking directional signs located in the Chesapeake Parking Lot were damaged.

11/16/07

4:15 p.m.

Disturbance
An employee reported a disturbance in the Devilbiss Parking Lot.

11/20/07

10:20 a.m.-10:40 a.m.

Theft
A student reported that a wallet was stolen from the first floor area in Maggo Gym. The wallet had been left unattended.

11/26/07

8:58 p.m.-9:10 p.m.

Telephone Mischief
An employee reported annoying telephone messages were received in the University Police Building.

11/27/07

1:20 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

CDS Violation
University Police Officers responded to Nanticoke Hall regarding a CDS complaint. Subsequent investigation led to the recovery of a small amount of CDS. Criminal and University Judicial charges are pending.

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Peace talks begin between Israel and Palenstine

By Leah Dyon
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 27, President Bush hosted a conference at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis devoted to working towards a more peaceful relationship between Israel and Palestine. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert pledged to conclude "long-stalled" discussions by the end of 2008, according to a Nov. 27 MSNBC article.

These discussions were the "first direct peace talks" in Bush's seven years in office, and the "most direct Mideast peacemaking of his administration," said a Nov. 26 MSNBC article. Negotiations are expected to be lengthy and difficult, but Bush is optimistic that the Palestinian and Israeli leaders are ready to commit. He has made clear that Middle East peace will be his top priority for the remainder of his Presidency.

Olmert and Abbas will hold private bi-weekly meetings, monitored by the U.S., beginning Dec. 12. Bush will be meeting both separately and jointly with the Israeli and Palestinian leaders as well, and these negotiations will continue throughout the entirety of the negotiation process.

The conference has received outside backing from other Arab countries, whose participation is seen as crucial. Bush received support from all 16 Arab states that were invited to the conference and from the Arab League. Syria, who has been at war with Israel for six decades and is believed to fund terrorism, was invited and attended the conference.

Iran's leadership was not invited because they "would not be constructive" and were not "going to come anyway," President Bush said in a Nov. 29 CNN article. "This is a man who does not believe in democracy and freedom and peace. And this was a conference of people who are supportive of the idea of a democratic state living side by side with Israel," Bush said.

After a seven year "stalemate," Bush's recent involvement in these efforts was perceived as encouraging. International involvement and support may be what was lacking in other failed efforts, and may be what makes these negotiations more successful.

So far, negotiations have been ambiguous and have avoided issues that caused previous peace efforts to fail, leading some to become critical about the timing of negotiations and the conference in general. Some Palestinians believe that Israel is not ready for total peace, and that Olmert will face difficulties with developing deals. Even though Abbas is perceived as a reliable leader, he is also seen as unable to follow through on his agreements, stated MSNBC.

Hamas, an Islamic Militant Organization located in Palestine, also immediately rejected Abbas' statements, and questioned both Palestine and Israel's leadership. Abbas has "no mandate to discuss, to agree, or to cease any word relating to our rights," said Izzat Barhoum in Gaza. "He is isolated and represents himself only."

According to MSNBC, three main obstacles surrounding peace efforts had developed out of Tuesday's negotiations. Both Palestine and Israel agree that they should be identified as separate states, but Palestine opposes recognizing Israel as a Jewish state.

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"blueprint," a reference to the Israeli-occupied West Bank. This idea was rejected by both Israel and the United States.

Palestine had also desired to set a one year timetable for reaching a final resolution, an idea that the United States did not reject. Israel was apprehensive about agreeing to this at first, but now all three countries are confident in their ability to "fashion a peace deal" by the end of next year, said CNN.

Both representatives from Israel and Pakistan asserted that "the deal must come in the form of a package." The contents of the package are what is being debated upon, and Israeli Foreign Minister spokesman Mark Regev has said that "there are different ideas out there."

Discussion had also been delayed by Palestine's insistence that their "statehood" be discussed. Abbas

was particularly concerned about resolving the question of Palestine's final physical borders, Jerusalem's sovereignty, the fate of Palestine, and of Palestinian refugees who had lost their homes following Israel's 1948 creation. Israel preferred more general statements of commitment to be included in negotiations, but promised to resolve the "contentious issues" in meetings that followed.

Both Abbas and Olmert appeared devoted to developing peace, but neither showed any willingness to compromise on the "fundamental differences." These issues had caused past peace plans to collapse.

The leaders also felt pressure from Arab states to resolve conflicts involving Israel, Syria and Lebanon. Saudi Foreign Minister expressed wishes for Israel to return Golan Heights, land seized during the 1967 war. He said that this was necessary for the ties between Israel and Saudi Arabia to be "normalized," as stated on MSNBC.

Other criticism was targeted directly at Bush. A Nov. 28 Washington Post article reported "slant signs" that Bush intends to follow through with negotiations made at the conference. Little chance of success was expected without his direct and intense involvement, and he was unable to describe what actions he would take next.

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DECEMBER 4
1959. A monkey returns to Earth safely after being launched 55 miles high into outer space by the United States space program.

DECEMBER 5
1945. Flight 19 is lost in the Bermuda Triangle.

DECEMBER 6
1884. Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. is completed.

DECEMBER 7
1982. In Texas, Charles Brooks, Jr. becomes the first person to be executed by lethal injection in the U.S.

DECEMBER 8
1940. The Chicago Bears defeat the Washington Redskins 73-0 in the NFL Championship Game. This is the most lopsided game in NFL history.

DECEMBER 9
1990. Lech Walesa becomes the first directly elected president of Poland.

SU's Relay for Life team gears up for another year

By Jennifer Garrison
Staff Writer

Salisbury University's Relay for Life team held their first meeting to encourage student participation and begin this year's fight for a cure against cancer on Nov. 28. In coordination with the American Cancer Society, the Relay for Life at SU will be held on May 2-3, 2008, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

The Relay Team already raised \$496 before their first meeting and 22 teams with 103 participants are already registered for the event. Students are urged to sign up now, while registration is free. After winter break, it will cost \$10 for students to register.

"We are hoping to have as many student organizations sign-up to help as possible. We were very successful last year and we are hoping we can continue and have another fabulous event," said Agata Liszkowska, Relay for Life advisor.

Full participation from clubs, resident halls, fraternities and sororities and all students and faculty is being encouraged. Salisbury University was awarded 4th in the nation for an outstanding mission for Relay for Life last year. In 2007, they raised \$101,000 for the fight for the cure. The goal for the upcoming Relay is \$125,000.

"We are very excited for this year's relay and are encouraging everyone possible to participate. The best thing to fight for is a cure and we are just so excited and ready to start fundraising," said Sam Klenick, Team Recruitment Leader.

Student leaders were also excited to announce the theme for this year's relay: "Lights, Camera, Cure." In

coordination, the Scarborough Student leadership center was decorated with stars covering the walls, a film projector and golden globe dolls. One team has decided to do "Fight Club...Fight Back!" following the movie theme.

The enthusiasm filled the room and the "Wall of Hope" showed the signatures of the many people dedicated to the fight for a cure. Huge banners announced the American Cancer Society's ideal, "Hope, Celebrate, Remember, and Fight Back." The "Relay Walk of Fame" banner recognized the best teams from last year and also the top ten fundraising individuals.

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Eshbach strives for a green SU campus

By Matt Harhai
Staff Writer

Salisbury University President Janet Dudley-Eshbach has enlisted SU in a pledge to establish climate neutrality on campus, joining many other institutions making an effort to lessen the consumption of energy and release of carbon emissions in order to help stop global warming.

The pledge, called the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, employs an agenda aimed at reaching goals.

Climate Neutrality, the goal of the commitment, means to balance the inevitable emissions caused by things like cars running on oil with green initiatives like using sustainable electricity.

The emission levels established by the commitment are met, and to neutralize the effect, the University must have an equal amount of sustainable energy to offset the effects.

"Basically they are making a priority out of this to try to move in directions by reducing its carbon signature and emissions to help slow the rate of global warming," said Vice President of Administration and Finance Grieg Mitchell.

There are two points of the commitment to reach climate neutrality which have other smaller steps. The first main point is to develop a comprehensive plan to achieve climate neutrality. The second is to initiate two or more tangible actions while the plan is being developed.

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The conflict in Iraq now, in Gilchrist's opinion, is not a civil war. He says that it is a conflict between the Iraqis trying to vie for power. "It is a multi-layered, complex situation between the sects. At

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"Scrooged Up" gets students into a holiday spirit

By Chase Pettebone
Staff Writer

Had you been in the Fulton auditorium this past weekend, you may have witnessed the great comedy holiday production of this season. The SU Sophomores student organization performed their successful holiday show *Scrooged Up!* this past weekend for students and community members.

Scrooged Up! is a play within a play about a short-handed community theatre group that attempts to put on their rendition of *A Christmas Carol* in time for Christmas.

The Hillsdale community players seem to have really "Scrooged Up!" their annual performance of *A Christmas Carol* this year.

Comedy ensues as the play is so short-staffed that its performers are each acting multiple roles and multi-tasking functions in order to pull off their play in the spirit of Christmas.

Scrooged Up! also marks the Sophomores' directorial debut of Hank Brannock, who gladly took the helm of his first theatrical production.

The show is not a two hour lengthy endeavor to witness as other Christmas productions have been.

"I love how short it is, it doesn't drag at all so it's great for children, so people aren't there looking at their watch. It's more of a wham bam thank you ma'am, off you go, have a nice holiday type of thing," said

by quoting author Rudyard Kipling, whose son died in WWII. "Why do young men die? Because old men lie." What is it time for us to do now? We need to talk - talk before we send young men and women to die."

Gilchrist is a decorated Vietnam War veteran. He is the recipient of the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star and the Navy Commendation Medal.

Gilchrist is up for re-election in February. If he is re-elected, he will serve his 9th term in Congress.



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sophomore Carly Ball, a Sophomores member and actress in *Scrooged Up!*

"Last night, I think the play went really well for its first running. Everyone laughed at the parts we knew they'd laugh at, we executed it very well, and hopefully everyone understood the theme we were trying to get across. The kids were laughing at the parts you'd expect kids to laugh at, and adults were laughing at some of the more mature inside jokes of the play. The club is a lot like the play in some ways, we all come together in the end to put on a great show," said Sophomores member Shaina Jones.

"The main idea of the Sophomores organization is to give our students a chance to fully realize all the aspects of play production. All the students involved put in a lot of hours and effort. It shows and it's fun for them as well," said Andrew Heller, an SU professor and the Sophomores advisor.

The Sophomores club emulates the Christmas spirit of *Scrooged Up!* on and off stage this weekend as the price of admission to see the play was merely a donation to the "Toys for Tots" campaign, aimed at giving holiday cheer to less fortunate children.

Toy bins were found in the main entranceway of the Black Box Theatre in Fulton.

Last year the Sophomores club raised about \$1,000 from their holiday production which is a great way to start off the Christmas season here at SU.

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Russian protestors denounce Putin's authoritarian rule



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By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

After serving a five-day sentence for "organizing an unsanctioned procession, resisting arrest and chanting anti-government slogans" against Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, Gary Kasparov was released, on Friday, Nov. 30. The former chess champion is at the top of the list of candidates for the Kremlin-ally United Russia party in parliamentary elections that are scheduled to be held on Dec. 2.

CNN reports that this is not Kasparov's first run-in with the law. He was detained briefly, and then fined in April during another protest, where he attempted to lead an unauthorized group of demonstrators through lines of police.

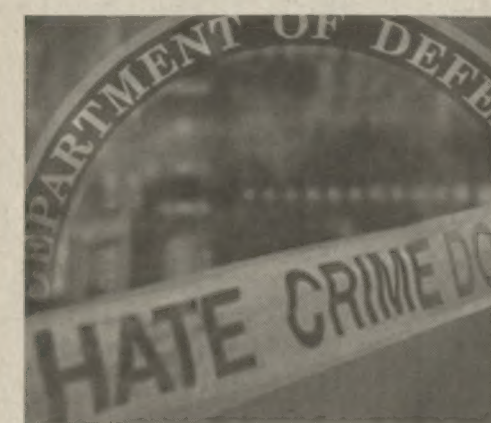
As the campaign for the March 2, 2008 presidential vote steadily approaches, Kasparov said that his aims would be directed towards, "dismantling Putin's regime," as quoted by the Associated Press. In a news conference Kasparov said, "Materially, we are now the weaker side, we cannot dictate our game. And the rule I've learned all my life is that if your position is weaker, you must wait the active moves of

your opponent."

Kasparov has sought to harness opposition through a series of street protests called Dissent's Marches, several of which have been violently broken up by police, according to an article by the Associated Press.

Kasparov said he and others jailed were denied access to lawyers and visitors. "The authorities...are ignoring the constitutional minimum that was followed even in the Soviet Union," stated Kasparov, according to the AP.

Ignorant offenders "guard" themselves by victimizing others



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By Kathleen Fitzpatrick
Staff Writer

The world is made up of many different people; people of different race, religion and sexual orientation. It's because of these differences that make the world interesting. Without any cultural differences, the world would be a very boring place. Unfortunately, it's because of these differences that people are hated, berated and even tortured.

Hate crimes occur when one group of people victimizes another group simply because of their connection to a certain social group dealing with race, class, religion, gender, age, ethnicity or sexual orientation. The crimes, used to instill fear in the victim and the social group they belong to, are usually the direct result of ignorance and the inability to accept or understand something different from what one is used to. In many cases, people are afraid of things they don't understand. When someone is presented with a culture other than the one they are used to, it can be terrifying to them. There are people who make attempts to understand cultures they don't have a complete understanding of. However, there are also those who are too scared of differences, and attack what is making them uncomfortable.

Hate crimes can also occur un-

intentionally. Sometimes people do not understand the consequences of their actions and how they will be viewed by or affect others. When someone commits a hate crime, knowingly or unknowingly, it not only impacts the individual but the community as well. Someone who is younger, or more impressionable, could be around to witness the crime or hear about the crime. If they see someone they admire or look up to do it, they may think it is ok to act that way. A perfect example of this is the movie *American History X* directed by Tony Kaye.

In *American History X*, Derek Vineyard, formerly a bright student in school, is sucked into a world of white supremacy when his father is killed by a black drug dealer while fighting a fire. He joins the Disciples of Christ (D.O.C.) under the leadership of Cameron Alexander, an organization extremely racist against African Americans and people of the Jewish religion, or anyone different than what they considered "perfect." Derek Vineyard eventually ends up in jail for killing two black men. When he is released from prison after three years, he returns to find his younger brother Danny is following in his footsteps because he looked up to Derek. Danny joined the D.O.C. and has adapted to the white supremacist beliefs.

Derek did not realize the consequence of his younger brother becoming involved in hateful crimes and actions against other people, and afterward regrets his involvement with the D.O.C. and showing his younger brother his ignorance. Many people do not realize that there is always someone watching you, someone more impressionable, someone who may think that it is ok to do hateful

things to other people without consequence.

While not recognizing the consequences of certain actions, it does not excuse people from receiving punishment. However, it can also act as a learning experience. Some people may get carried away with a situation they don't really understand and do something they regret. A person may think they have control over the situation, but they don't, and realize this in hindsight. Something that may appear to be a harmless joke to one person may truly hurt the person the joke is being done to. Sometimes people get caught up in childish arguments and do not realize that certain things they say or do to someone could be more serious than they realize, and truly impact the other person. In some situations, the action/joke does not reflect the values or beliefs of the person, but that they simply got caught up in a situation they didn't truly understand.

There is always more than one option in any situation. There is the easy way, the way that is most obvious, and there is the harder way, the way that is always second best. However, some people don't stop to weigh the consequences of certain options, or to think of an alternative. Sometimes, people get so caught up in a situation they can only see one solution. Often times, the realization of the severity of some actions does not occur until it is too late. Even if someone is not aware of how hurtful something can be, if they think it will be hurtful at all, no action toward another person should take place.

There is never any excuse for doing anything hateful or hurtful to anyone. One of the main causes of hate crimes is ignorance. Because people are scared of what is not in their everyday lives, or they don't understand different cultures, races and ethnicities, they guard themselves from it by victimizing others.

THE FLYER'S WEEKLY GLOBAL EDUCATION Six people making a world of difference

By Stacie Manger
Staff Writer

All over the world people are trying to create change. This is a list and an explanation of some well-known people who are trying to make a difference in the world.

The first is J.K. Rowling, the author of the *Harry Potter* series. You may ask why she is included, or why she is even first on this list. It is because she captivated the world with a story. People waited in lines at midnight to get copies of books four through seven.

"I love reading and I've read every single one of the books," said Michelle Walsh, an SU junior. "I've seen people who hate reading pick them up. I've seen children become obsessed with the *Harry Potter* world. J.K. Rowling is truly amazing."

Children who do not usually read picked up these books and got lost in a world where magic exists and people cast spells and fly on broomsticks. Rowling gave the world an imagination.

The second and third members of the list are Bill and Melinda Gates. They have formed the most charitable program, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Last year, according to *TIME* magazine, the Gates' "committed \$750 million to improving access to child immunizations, accelerating introduction of new vaccines and strengthening vaccine delivery systems."

"Our work begins with Bill and Melinda Gates' belief that all lives have equal value. We think all people deserve the chance to have healthy, productive lives," the foundation's homepage said.

One of the foundation's goals is to increase opportunity and equity for those in need. Bill and Melinda Gates give away money from their computer software empire in order to help the world.

The fourth slot goes to Victoria

Hale. Hale started the Institute for OneWorld Health, a nonprofit United States drug company. Hale's goal is to develop affordable pharmaceuticals for the developing world.

"I wanted to do something that would put the world in a new place, put it on a new path," Hale said in an article for MSNBC.

The article said that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave OneWorld Health \$150 million to continue its efforts.

"She had a vision," said Tachi Yamada, an employee for the Gates Foundation, in the MSNBC article.

The final two members of this list are the former presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton. The two joined forces to lead the U.S. response to the 2004 tsunami that wreaked havoc throughout the Indian Ocean region. They also raised money to help the Hurricane Katrina victims.

"The partnership has its advantages, as well as its limits, for both clans. And the two men still have their differences. But Bush and Clinton have created a new post-presidential brand and put it to

work sealing the cracks between public need and public aid—and reminded us of what people can accomplish even in an era of deep partisan division," a *TIME* magazine article said in 2006.

It was an unlikely match-up between two people with opposing views. However, their efforts have helped millions in America and around the world. It goes to show that despite political differences and viewpoints, people can work together.

The majority of the people on this list have access to a lot of money, which helps their cause. You do not have to be in politics, a well-known author, or even an academic scholar to make a change.

"I hope I'll be able to do something that helps," Walsh said. "I hope that one day everyone will be able to make a difference somewhere."

Even a person who seems insignificant can make a difference. The person who just says please and thank you is making a difference to someone.



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Overheard: What's on your holiday wish list?

Photos and article by: Sarah Wright



"A new printer."

Chris Lyons - sophomore



"A metronome, a slackline, and a new snowboard."

Carter Woodruff - grad student



"Playstation 3"

Erica White - alumna



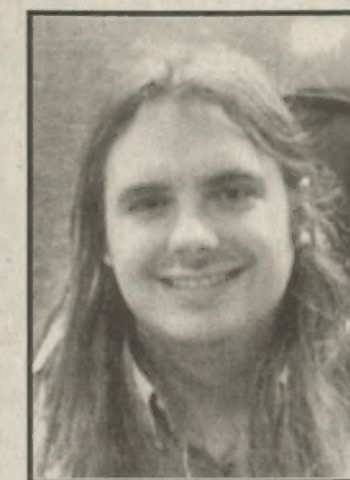
"For school to be over."

Lia Evans - sophomore



"A dog. Or a cat."

Mary Nopping - sophomore



"A new guitar."

Nick Gardner - junior

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Outlandish Commons restrictions anger students

By Alphonso Jones
Guest Writer

Recently, my friends and I went to dinner around six and left the Commons. After some club meetings, we decided that we wanted hot chocolate and ice cream. We tried to enter again, but my friends weren't allowed because of the restrictions placed on meal plan C. I was the only one admitted because I currently have the unlimited plan. My friends stayed outside and waited for me to return with ice cream and hot chocolate since they were not able to get it themselves. As I approached the register with the ice cream and hot chocolate, the manager came up to me and said that I could not remove the items. I could take one of the items, but the others had to be disposed. Why dispose of them when someone could have just eaten them? Is it that big of a deal if some-

one removes food from the Commons? I swear, people treat it as if you were committing a murder. One of the reasons for prohibiting food removal is because they do not want anyone taking food out and feeding their friends. But seriously, how many friends can one feed with a slice of pizza?

The restrictions that Dining Services places on meal plans are also a problem. If you have the 12 meals a week plan, shouldn't you

be able to eat those 12 meals whenever you please? Not here at Salisbury. There are certain time intervals in which you may use your plan, and this is completely outrageous. Because of these restrictions, there are times when people who eat breakfast at 9 a.m. are unable to reenter at noon without paying cash.

This whole situation totally confused me because it wasn't as if my friends didn't have a meal plan, they just weren't allowed back in because of some stupid restriction. I would rather allow someone to eat something than throw it away and waste it. They complain about us removing food, but what happens to all the unused food? Students who work in the Commons say that all the unused food is thrown away at night when they close. Problems with the restrictions from Dining Services will continue unless students come together and state their grievances.



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A modest proposal for elderly drivers

them in the right lane, more often than not it's an elderly driver struggling to see the road in front of them. I don't like to stereotype people, but come on, this particular stereotype is true way too frequently.

It is beyond me why there isn't a law requiring people over the age of 65 to take a yearly driver's test in order to get their license renewed.

Don't get me wrong, there are many 65-year-olds and over who are more than capable of driving. But the fact is that the senses begin to diminish as people get older which, in turn, affects the ability to operate an automobile.

By instituting such a law, it would make driving safer for everybody. It's simple, really. When someone turns 65, he or she would take a driving test much like the test one

takes upon turning 16. They would continue taking a driver's test every year after this as well. Not only would this requirement benefit the personal safety of older drivers, but it would ensure that everyone on the road would still be capable of driving.

Obviously this law is not the solution for safer roads. However, it is a step in the right direction.

Statistically, the youngest and the oldest drivers are the biggest hazards on the road. And no matter what laws are implemented, there will always be bad drivers out there. However, by consistently testing older drivers the total amount of accidents per year would be drastically reduced. Unfortunately, until someone in power decides to do something about this, drivers everywhere will continue to suffer.

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Black Friday: shopping or sleeping?

By Rachel Lopez
Staff Writer

Every year, retailers prepare for the day after Thanksgiving. It is the time of year when lines are formed at 3 a.m. outside of malls and various stores around the United States. It is the day where fights occur over the last Tickle Me Elmo, and the bargain shoppers rear their ugly heads. It is Black Friday.

I personally do not understand Black Friday. It all seems quite silly. Unless something is free, no sale will wake me up at 3 a.m. I personally like sleep, but just like any other person, I will wake up for a good reason. Black Friday is not one of them. No sale would make me wake me up from my turkey coma. I want sleep and relax. What is the point of getting up when there is no guarantee that the item you want will be there?

Yet, many people enjoy the sale. They say it is all part of tradition. Daughters go shopping with their

mothers just as they have done for years, and many claim that the holiday season does not truly begin until that crazed day of shopping comes around. Although this may be true, aren't there other sales that come throughout the year? Or is it just fun to wake up before the sun?

According to about.com, the term Black Friday comes from the shift to profitability during the holiday season. Black Friday is when retailers went from being unprofitable, "in the red," to profitable, "in the black." It is essentially the day when all retailers know that they can suck every penny from your wallet and you will give it willingly because you have bought into the mania that is Black Friday. Stores opened earlier this year than any other year, according to CBSNEWS.com.

There have even been even fist-fights reported during this shopping frenzy. I think this just shows how we live in a dog-eat-dog society, where we believe in survival of

the fittest. Whether it is just tradition or the simple fact that you may want to save a few dollars, Black Friday is just a holiday made by retailers and is no excuse to act less than human.



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~SUDOKU~ The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution. Good luck.

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Solution to last week's puzzle:

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Letter to the Editor—Commercialization ruins true spirit of Christmas

By Jeremy Riffle
Staff Writer

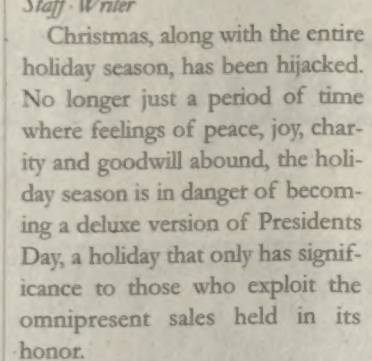
I would like to thank the group of students who walked all over the campus on Tuesday evening of November 27 to bring a snack of chips and soda to the housekeepers, thanking us for the work we do. I hope they know how much we appreciate this kind, sincere gesture.

In a town where we hear so much negativity regarding our students, I wish more focus was placed on the many wonderful, selfless acts they often are not given credit for. They give of their time to entertain the community's children on Fun Day. They volunteer throughout the community and hold fundraising events. They give selflessly to the regional animal shelters by donating food, toys, blankets, towels and other needed items. Just think of all the entertainment they provide for the people in the area with music, theatre, art, song, sports, etc. The list goes on and on.

I have worked at SU for almost 19 years and I love and appreciate our students. I wouldn't have my job without them. They are friendly, cheerful and helpful, and we now know we are appreciated as well. Thanks again for being so thoughtful.

Elizabeth Wallace
Housekeeper Supervisor
Blackwell Library/Maggs PAC

Thank you for your readership this semester! Have a safe and happy holiday!
- Sarah Lake,
Editor in Chief
The Flyer



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Christmas spirit earlier than the rest of us. Instead, what retailers are feeling is the spirit of the dollar, and they are trying to maximize their holiday season profits by lengthening the holiday season itself.

There are additional problems with the increasingly rampant commercialism of Christmas besides the cheapening of the holidays. The most common of these is that some people, in the retailer-sponsored belief that their loved ones want to be given gifts that are expensive, spend too much trying to buy presents and wreak havoc on their finances. Another issue is the creation of selfish individuals who do expect expensive gifts, such as the fictitious girl who believes in cashmere instead of Santa. These persons do not understand the meaning of the holidays and look forward only to receiving presents from the people unlucky enough to know them.

The importance placed on Black Friday is another way in which the holidays are exploited by retailers. Traditionally, the Christmas season begins the day after Thanksgiving. As Christmas gifts are a virtually essential aspect of the holiday season, retailers have decided to kick off the holiday season with a bang.

The practice of having massive mark-downs and opening doors to customers early that Friday morning has not only increased business for the stores, but has had the unfortunate side effect of fostering a competitive spirit among shoppers trying to find the best deals on Christmas presents. The resulting greed and chaos at the stores is not really a good example of the Christmas spirit of goodwill and charity.

Another example of the increasing commercialism of Christmas is the fact that the Christmas season is arriving earlier and earlier each successive year. There are even some stores that have begun selling Christmas items before Halloween. The reason why this is happening is not because retailers are feeling the

burden they bear at this time." The corporation's munificence doesn't end with the pay differential. In 2001, Sears Logistics Services (a subsidiary of SHC) became a founding member of the Partnership for Youth Success (PaYS). The company's Web site explains that the program is an "army recruiting tool designed to provide civilian jobs to qualified soldiers" upon completion of their initial tour of duty. When soldiers enlist, if they express interest in future employment with SHC, they are put on a list to be provided "priority application" when their service duty ends. SLS also became a founding member of the Army Spouse Employment Partnership (ASEP) in 2002. The program offers spouses of service members a resource for finding employment and meeting short and long term employment goals.

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'Tis the season to support our troops: Shopping at Sears and Kmart benefits military families

By Lauren Zarin
Staff Writer

If United States citizens, primarily families and friends of deployed troops, had their druthers, those troops currently overseas would be back in the safety and comfort of their own homes. Unfortunately, for many that is not currently an option. In the meantime, there are several organizations that have and are currently going the extra mile to support the troops in various ways. One noteworthy organization that has gone above and beyond in such efforts is the Sears Holdings Corporation (SHC), the owner and operator of Sears, Roebuck and Co. department stores and Kmart. SHC has participated in a myriad of philanthropic efforts to support U.S. troops and their families. Though the bulk of these efforts have transpired over the past five years, Sears' patriotic generosity dates back to the early 1900s. With the holidays approaching, SHC will be kicking into overdrive, and they deserve recognition for their efforts.

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Waterboarding torture technique not yet banned in U.S.

By Derek Pettinelli
Staff Writer

It's amazing how far we've come as a society, with the Internet, computers, even fridges that can use Google. We're progressive in many things, except, it seems, human nature. Waterboarding, a "popular" interrogation technique, has been deemed torture and has been used against many detainees across the world throughout history. Waterboarding itself is primitive in concept, as it entails a person being strapped to a board with their feet elevated and with their face covered by a towel, blanket or plastic wrap; water is poured directly onto the face. The purpose of waterboarding is to simulate a drowning sensation and while it causes no physical injuries, the mental duress of being detained can cause extreme mental anguish. The CIA boasts that it was waterboarding which allowed them to extract information from Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, one of the 9/11 conspirators. Additionally, the CIA claims that those who have been subjected to the technique have only lasted a mere 14 seconds before caving in.

Due to the torturous nature of waterboarding, the results of confessions are questionable at best. In general, torture has proven not to be completely accurate, because as one can expect, people will say anything they can in order to make the torture cease.

John Sifton of Human Rights Watch, a civil liberties group, said, "The person believes they are being killed, and as such, it really amounts to a mock execution, which is illegal under international law." Human Rights Watch also sent an open letter to then Attorney General Alberto Gonzales claiming that waterboarding caused severe pain, which is prohibited by 18 USC 2340, the implementation in the U.S. of the United Nations Convention

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WXSU hosts first poetry jam

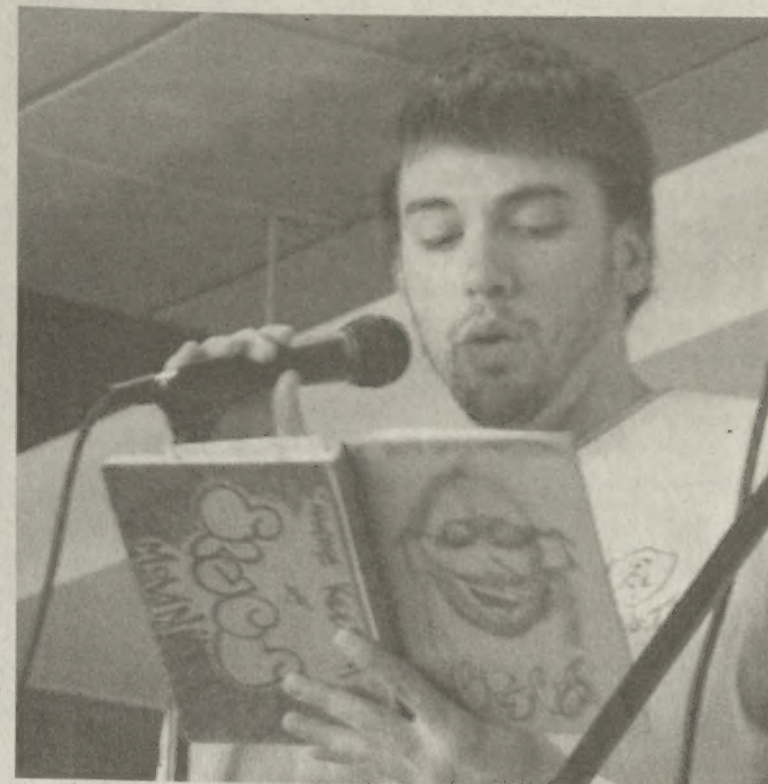
By Michael Vince
Staff Writer

Music, poems and free-styles with plenty of bass flowed through the halls of Guerrieri University Center on Nov. 27, for the first in hopefully a series of poetry jams hosted by WXSU 96.3 FM, the Salisbury University radio station. Students were literally on center stage before a crowd of 50 performers and spectators alike. Extra tables were brought into the Gull's Nest, but there were not enough to accommodate the audience that amassed before and during the jam.

"This is going to be good," said Matt Cohen, a sophomore and part of the crew who helped set up for the jam, before the event began. "This will be a more lively performance than most expect from a poetry reading," added Eric Buhlman, another event staff member and a senior at Salisbury University.

Each performer brought something new and unique to the table; everything from the romantic and carefree to the soul searching and deeper meaning thoughts that add another dimension to the mind and heart. You did not have to be a future poet or English major in order to read on stage. The stage was a place to express a thought, an experience, a feeling, or just venting from a hard semester's worth of work and drama.

"The students should be more aggressive with all the studying and exams coming up," said



Brandon Phillips photo

Junior Adam Bryant was determined the winner of WXSU's first-ever poetry jam after a roaring audience applause.

Michael Brooks, the host of the poetry jam, prior to the event.

Your stereotypical poetry reading was lost at the threshold of the door. Not just poems could be taken in, but spoken word and free-styles energized the dimly lit room. DJ Amaze and Mike Brooks, the host for the jam, assisted the surge of cheering and clapping throughout the night.

The atmosphere remained upbeat throughout the night, but really exploded towards the end when it came time for the free-

style battle. DJ Amaze, a recording artist himself, loosened the crowd with a vocal mix of his own. After a "leaning" performance, the ground rules were set for the battles to begin. Six contestants entered the battle and only one was voted by the audience to be free-style champion.

Nick Plunket, a junior and host of his own show on WXSU 96.3 every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., took part in the free-style battles and took the stage to share some opinions on racial discrimi-

nation in today's society. Plunket's talent in rhyming on the fly stemmed from his high school days when he joked around with friends.

"I never wrote anything down," Plunket said. His skills landed him in a semi-final battle between two other contestants, a culmination of dramatic duels.

Unfortunately, Plunket was unable to make it to the final round, but says he will be back again for the next poetry jam. Adam Bryant, a junior at SU, walked away the winner as determined by audience applause.

"I grew up with the four corners of hip-hop," said Bryant who has been free-styling and writing poetry since he was thirteen. "It's a life style, an art; poetry is all about different ideas coming from different people," Bryant said, with Plunket standing beside him in agreement.

There was nothing at the poetry jam that could not be enjoyed. Free music and Red Bull on a night filled with the truth spoken out by fellow peers who you realize share the same opinions and feelings that you do. The soothing images painted by the words of another, brought to life with profound alliteration by the author. These powerful words had the ability to transport anyone listening from the dark and dreary, to the blissful and joyous, or perhaps the war torn scenes of a dream or reality.

GUC holds Blowout Week to ease student tension

Annual Tournament of Trees to be held during Finals Week



By David Lapkoff
Staff Writer

With the semester drawing to a close, tensions run high as students study for final exams, finish term papers and frantically complete looming projects. To help relieve tensions, the Guerrieri University Center is hosting a blowout week of events the week prior to finals.

Every day from December 3 - 7, there will be scheduled events hosted in and around the Fireside Lounge. The events vary day to day, but are all completely free and include arts and crafts, competitions

and stress release exercises.

"This is one of the most stressful times of the year, and we want to do what we can to alleviate some of that stress. Take [students'] minds off all the papers and work before finals," said Brian Lind, the events coordinator for the University Center Office.

Festivities begin December 3, with GUC's regular Monday Night Football viewing on the big screen T.V. Basic refreshments such as cookies, chips and soda will be provided to attendees.

On Tuesday from noon to 3 p.m., students can participate in creating ornamental fuse bead crafts. The trinkets only take minutes to create, and students are welcome to walk in and let out their inner child between classes.

Later that evening from 6 - 9 p.m. students can show off their skills in a two-player game of Guitar Hero III on the main T.V. After the fanfare concludes, Guitar Hero III and all necessary accoutrements can be checked out from the Guerrieri Information Desk for the Xbox 360.

On Wednesday from 1 - 3 p.m., two massage therapists will be set-

ting up shop in Fireside. Massage time will vary by the size of the turnout.

Also back by popular demand, the Gull's Nest is hosting another sushi rolling class on Wednesday at 6 p.m. Due to space restrictions, students must pre-register for this event at the GUC information desk. Those who wish to attend are encouraged to act fast, as the last sushi rolling class filled up in under a day.

Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., Student Counseling Services will be providing two different methods of stress relief. For those seeking more arts and crafts, students can walk in and make their own stress balls. If your problems are a little more complicated than some squishing can solve, try out the Lucy Booth. The SU student counselors will be offering advice on anything and everything.

Thursday night is Guerrieri's first ping pong tournament. Gift cards will be awarded to the top two players. Interested parties can sign up at the GUC information desk.

Finally, on Friday students can create hand-print crafts. "It's like when you were in preschool and you gave your parents a piece of

paper that you painted and said 'look how big my hands are!'" Lind said. "I think students like to revert back to their inner child."

During finals week itself, the Guerrieri Center will be the location of the fourth annual Tournament of Trees. Registered Student Organizations decorate trees provided by the Guerrieri University Center and compete to see who can best decorate a tree around a particular theme.

The winning RSO will receive \$100 for their organization, while the second place winner will receive a free pizza party and third place gets a snack tray for their first meeting of the spring semester. Six organizations are competing this year, and the theme is an African-American Culture Celebration. While participation is relatively poor this year, the University Center events coordination staff are confident that making the event a registered campus activity next year will reinvigorate the competition.

The Guerrieri University Center is open Monday through Saturday 8 a.m. to midnight and Sundays noon to midnight.

BFA students display end of semester art pieces in Fulton

By Kathleen Kasik
Staff Writer

As the semester rolls to an end, Bachelor of Fine Arts students are proudly displaying their best pieces on campus. BFA students complete an intensive study of art during their undergraduate studies at SU. The Bachelor of Fine Arts show was held November 20 - 30 in the University Gallery of Fulton Hall. This exhibit marked the showcasing of students' best pieces in a variety of disciplines, including painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, glass, graphic design and photography.

Upon entering the exhibit, onlookers are surrounded by an array of colorful paintings and sculptures completed by Salisbury students this semester. Anna Ganaway completed a collection of pastel profiles, one titled "Piracy is the only option."

Some students even displayed self-portraits, such as Ronald Larimore who titled his "A Lil self portrait action." Ishmawili Claiborne's art is bright, and features African Americans doing various things such

The wide variety of gifts on display mostly come from the U.S. but also includes products from Mexico and a few from China. Many paintings and prints from local artists fill the wall space of the gallery. Other small items available include glass pens, cards, puzzles, books, ornaments, coasters and miscellaneous collectibles.

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SU's art department and the Fulton School of Liberal Arts sponsor the fall show. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Annual Holiday Gift Bazaar, Artisan Showcase featured in GUC

By Lisa Emery
Staff Writer

Artwork in a variety of styles and mediums is currently on display at the Atrium Gallery of the Guerrieri University Center. The Annual Holiday Gift Bazaar and Artisan Showcase Sale began Nov. 5 and will run through campus closing day, Dec. 20. The showcase provides simple solutions for holiday gift-giving dilemmas.

The featured artwork includes Tonal ceramics, hand-made glass art, African and Oaxacan animal woodcarvings, hand-blown glass mermaids, Putumayo world music, original pottery, kaleidoscopes, Chinese paper cuttings, computer accessories and traditional folk art. Sterling silver jewelry and pieces from other jewelry artisans are available. The wide variety of art is offered at reasonable prices. "We have everything from incense at 10 for \$1.75 to artwork on the wall that costs up to three hundred dollars," said Debbie Wilkins, sales associate at the Atrium Gallery.

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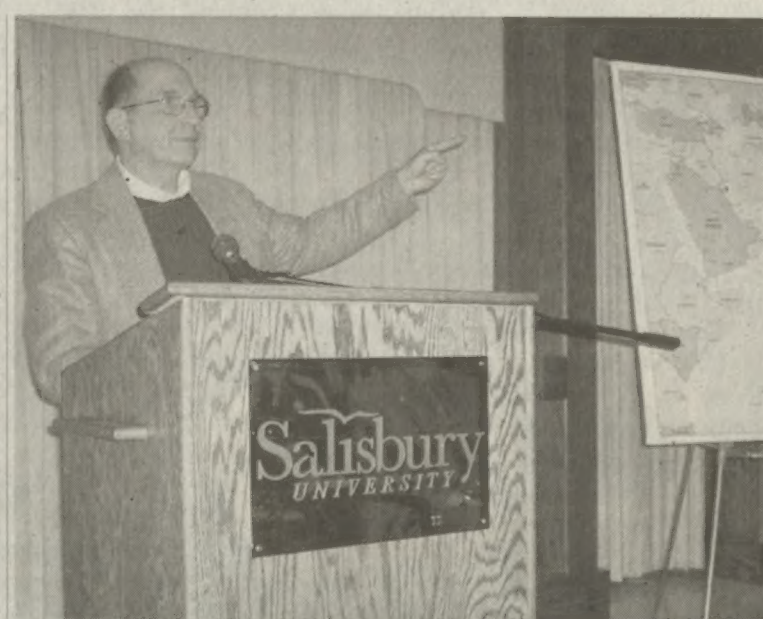
Andrew Baker photo
African wood animal carvings on sale in the Atrium Gallery.

From the photo bank: What's happening on campus



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DJ Amaze pumps up the crowd at last Tuesday's first-ever WXSU-sponsored Poetry Jam.



Sarah Lake photo

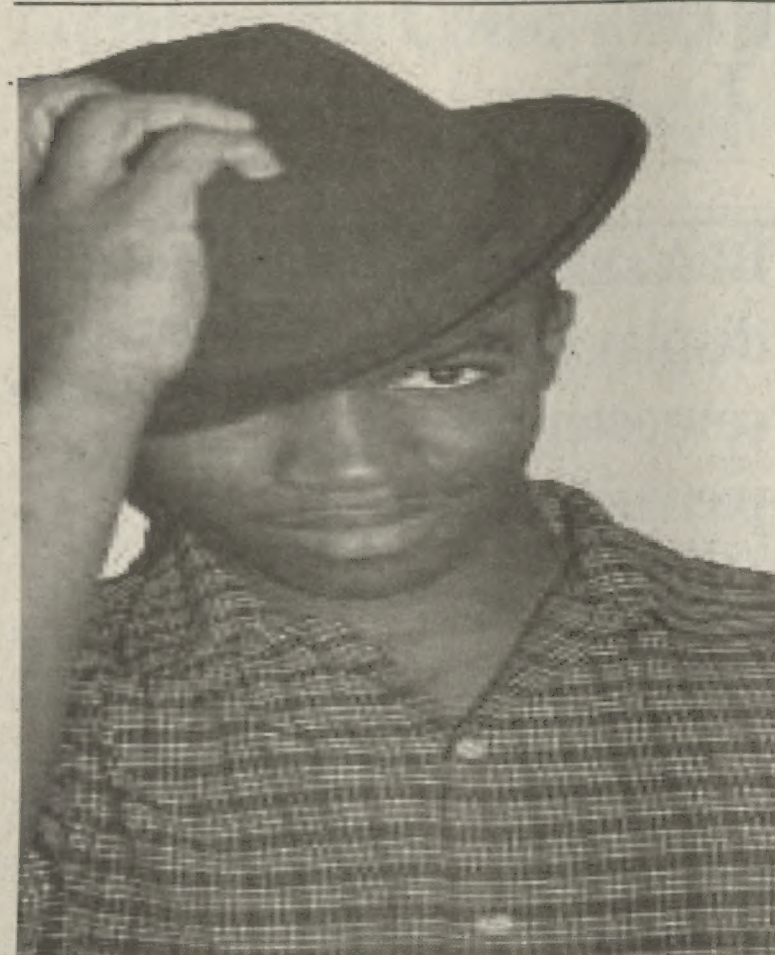
Congressman Wayne Gilchrest points out Iran's geographic position in the Middle East at his speech on Thursday night.



Brandon Phillips photo

In the Dan Roberts play Scrooged Up!, it's one catastrophe after another for a community theatre trying put on a Christmas play without enough actors.





CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. Advice

Our beloved Mr. Advice is graduating this semester. Good luck to you. We wish you the best in everything that you do!

Interested in becoming our next Mr. or Ms. Advice??? E-mail us at flyer@salisbury.edu

Club Spotlight — Student Access and Awareness Club

By Samantha Glaeser
Staff Writer

The Student Access and Awareness Club is a new club on campus that promotes awareness about mental, physical and emotional disabilities at Salisbury University and the surrounding community. It also offers a network consisting of all individuals that help achieve better access to information, buildings, rights, outside organizations and outreach programs.

Melissa Burch, president of the SAA, and Andrea Bolinger, vice president, approached Nikki Dyer, Student Disability and Support Services Coordinator, to become their faculty advisor and to help establish the SAA. They "decided that they wanted to develop a student organization which would offer students (with or without disabilities) an open forum in which they could network with others who are passionate about opportunities to promote universal access for learning and development opportunities at SU," Dyer said.

The club is offered to teachers, SU staff members, graduate students and undergraduate students that are full time or part time. "It is important to acknowledge that this club is not directed only to people with disabilities," Burch said.

The members of the organization have established communication with a number of offices on campus in hopes

of establishing and maintaining a two-way flow of information, insights and ideas for making our campus more involved with students' learning and development.

In these few months, they have changed the name of the assistive technology room in the library from the "Vision Impaired Room" to the "Accessibility Room" and are working with the library to purchase a Portable Close Circuit Television that will magnify printed materials. They have also kept busy meeting with building inspectors, promoting awareness and advocating for students. Furthermore, the SAA is working towards establishing several activities this coming year. A blindfold relay, "Rent a Wheelchair for a Day," and basket bingo are just a few events to look out for.

The SAA is currently working to organize programming initiatives for SU's Student Disability Awareness Month which is set for April 2008. During the month of April, programs will be offered to students, faculty and staff which will be geared towards increasing awareness and understanding disabilities in our campus community and beyond. The SAA is staying true to their motto: "Open Doors, Open Minds."

The SAA is actively seeking new membership. Those interested in joining should contact SAA president Melissa Burch at or vice president Andrea Bolinger.



SAA club members Andrea Bolinger, Amy Brown, Allison Berg (standing) and Melissa Burch (sitting).

People Making a Difference

..... Meghan Saia

By Karis King
Staff Writer

Nearly 50 percent of students enter the doors of Salisbury University having absolutely no idea what they want to major in.

Through extensive research and networking this semester, SU senior, Meghan Saia developed the student interest inventory, which will benefit students and alumni for years to come.

Saia was chosen this past summer from a pool of candidates as the intern trusted to complete this project for Career Services, because of her extensive background in analytical research.

"She was by far ahead of anyone else who applied," said Russell Endicott, Associate Director of Career Services at SU.

"It was her project. I gave it to her," Endicott said. "I met with her a few times at the beginning of the semester and she ran with it. I didn't have to worry about anything."

"Initially I had nothing to start with," Saia said. "I had to contact over a hundred schools."

Saia began researching colleges from Maryland, Virginia, Delaware and Pennsylvania to determine what interest inventories they were using. Saia then contacted 11 other schools, (which were members of the same consortium as SU) where she did formal presentations and spoke about the research she found.

"After all of my research, I presented it to everyone at Career Services and it was evident that two career planning assessments would be best for Salisbury University," Saia said.

The two assessments collectively decided on were called Focus Enhanced, and the Newly Revised Strong Interest Inventory.

Focus Enhanced is an up and running, multi-dimensional, career self-assessment device. It encompasses an extensive occupational database, website links, and career videos.

The Strong Interest Inventory,



Telecia Taylor photo

which will be available within the next few weeks, is for students trying to decide on a major. It asks questions to figure out what careers they will actually enjoy.

"This is something that has needed to have been done for the last couple of years and she just did a great job with it," Endicott said. "And now what we can say to students is we have the very best software available to you, to help you figure out your major."

In addition to her internship and being a full-time student, Saia is Vice President of the Catholic Campus Ministry. She is also a part of Zeta Tau Alpha, Order of Omega (National Fraternity Honor Society), Pi Gamma Mu (International Honor Society in the Social Sciences), Phi Eta Sigma (National Freshman Honor Society), Psi Chi (National Psychology Honor Society), and was just nominated for the Student Life Award.

Saia recently applied to Graduate School at Towson University for their Human Resources Development Program.

"I can now use my research knowledge [from the internship] and apply it to a different setting—similar to a Human Resource setting," Saia said. "This has just been a wonderful learning experience."

For further information on the student interest inventory, or to take assessments yourself, visit the Career Services Web site and click on "Students."

EACE program offers a road trip to the real world

By Christina Barry
Staff Writer

Are you still unsure what you want to do at the professional level when you graduate from college? With graduation looming in the near horizon for many SU students, several are still questioning where their life may take them once they permanently leave campus. However, with Salisbury University being part of the Eastern Association of Colleges and Employers (EACE) Liberal Arts Network, students may be able to find

their way towards that career or job most suitable for them.

EACE proclaims itself to be one of the largest regional college-to-employer networks. The program consists of about 1200 members from 817 colleges, and about 258 employers, according to their Web site at www.eace.org. With goals from professional development to the use of beneficial optical technology, EACE is the leading professional association in career fields in the northeast.

Over winter break, students of Salisbury University are able to take

advantage of this career-oriented service and explore numerous careers and internships, plus learn more about different companies involved with EACE. Students, who will need to provide their own food and transportation, are able to be part of a "site visit" and learn first-hand about the different career fields.

"After learning these site visits are completely free, and realizing the different companies that are involved, I am really looking forward to trying to expand and network in these different companies," said Amy Harrison, an SU

student. "This is a great opportunity for anyone who wants to reach their dreams of being a successful individual!"

From non-profit companies to a few of the world's largest corporations, some of the different site visits included in the visit range from New York, Virginia, D.C., Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Maryland. Companies participating with the EACE include the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, The Herald-Mail Company, MEDITECH, Museum of Science, NBC Universal,

New England Aquarium, The Fresh Air Fund, The Philadelphia Zoo, Rodale, Makovsky & Company, Sirius Satellite Radio, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, Vanguard, the New York State Senate, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Target stores, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Young & Rubicam and more.

"Being a communications major, I have always been worried about this highly competitive field. With this experience, I hope to meet new people and be able to network more. Finding

the right job is about knowing people and being able to get your name out there," said Brett Dickinson, an aspiring sports writer.

While taking and being part of a "Road Trip to the Real World," many companies allow students to tour their building and day-to-day interactions. Presentations, speakers and executives might also be available for a more in-depth experience.

For more information or to register for participation in one of the road trips, visit <http://www.eace.org/network/liberalarts/studentinfo.html>.

Restaurant Review

By Jennifer Garrison
Staff Writer

The City Bistro offers an exquisite taste of fine dining found in downtown Salisbury. Its menu includes unique dishes with an interesting Asian influence.

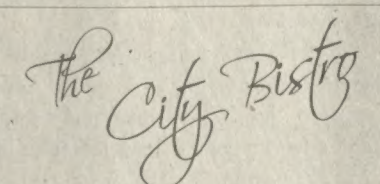
The restaurant exudes a metropolitan feel with white tablecloths, soft candlelit rooms and chic style. Patrons will find exceptional service and food in a very classy and elegant environment.

On a very chilly Thursday evening, we began our wonderful experience by warming ourselves with the smooth and flavorful Andretti Winery Cabernet Sauvignon and fresh bread.

We then tasted the delicious appetizer of Thai style chicken lettuce wraps. Diced chicken, the perfect blend of spices and a sweetly complementing Thai sauce was an excellent beginning to our meal.

The thin sliced Mongolian style beef, which came with scallion and fried rice as my entrée, could be described as nothing less than perfect. The mound of Mongolian beef was very finely sliced and cooked in a sweet red Asian sauce that paired perfectly with our cabernet and filled me to the brim with an overflowing serving of rice.

My acquaintance ordered the tuna



mignon; which was served with potatoes au gratin and a wasabi cream sauce. A large and fresh tuna steak cooked to perfection overtop a heap of cheesy potatoes was incredible.

We finished our exquisite meal with the white chocolate bread pudding, which was warm bread pudding paired with ice cream for a great treat.

The most surprising and amazing part of the experience was talking to City Bistro chef and owner, Phuong Nguyen. Nguyen is from Vietnam but learned to cook in the United States, and is excited about their third year in the business, she said.

"We have one server, one bartender, and one cook, which is me," Nguyen said. To those savvy on the restaurant business, this is quite an extraordinary concept. Although the restaurant was not very busy, there were still a large number of patrons there and everything ran perfectly smoothly.

"We make everything fresh from scratch," she said.

This freshness and the amazing talent of Nguyen were evident in our food and experience that evening. The price is reasonable for such exquisite food and fine dining. The meal ended up being around \$50. To those looking for a cultural, elegant experience in Salisbury, try the City Bistro!

Weekly Greek News

By Lindsey Dickinson
Staff Writer

Have you ever considered joining a Salisbury University sorority? Now is the time to check out Greek life at SU as formal recruitment is coming up.

Formal recruitment (FMR) for all National Panhellenic Council organizations (Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Phi Mu, and Delta Gamma) will be held from Feb. 11-16, 2008.

"Formal recruitment is basically a time for girls at Salisbury to come out and see what each of Salisbury's sororities has to offer," said Nicole Sunderlin, a sister of Zeta Tau Alpha. "Each organization is so different and has so much to offer, there always seems to be a right fit for everyone."

This spring's FMR has the theme of "Oh, the places you'll go." Each night of recruitment will run roughly from 6:30 - 10 p.m.

The first night, Monday, Feb. 11, will be a "Round Robin," where potential new members (PNMs) will have a brief orientation and will learn the detailed schedule for the week. PNMs will then be escorted on a tour of each of the four sororities. Feb. 12 is Philanthropy night and Feb. 13 is Skit Night where each organization will highlight their sisterhood with a

skit. Lastly, Friday, Feb. 15 is Preference Night, where PNMs are asked to wear semi-formal or business attire.

The final part of the recruitment is then Bid Day, to be held on Friday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. PNMs will find out the results of bid matching and will officially accept their bids. There will then be a Bid Party where they will officially join with their new sororities.

"My favorite part about recruitment is definitely Bid Day," said Courtney Lucas. "I love the Bid Day party because we get to celebrate the new members that are being added to SU's Greek life."

While all female students are encouraged to come out for a sorority, there are certain requirements that all female students must meet in order to be able to participate in FMR. Women must be regularly enrolled, full-time students taking at least 12 credits (including transfer and/or AP credits) and must have at least a 2.30 college GPA.

If you are interested in joining, Panhellenic will hold a "Dorm Information Session" on Tuesday, Dec. 4, in Severn from 9 - 10 p.m. Register online for recruitment.

There is a Panhellenic Council Facebook.com group with more information.

A semester in review

A note from the GUC's Event Coordinator

It has been a great semester in the GUC! Thanks to all of the students who have really taken advantage of the opportunities that are available to them in the GUC. This semester marked the beginning of a new program in the Guerrieri University Center. GUC Events was created with the goal of programming fun, interesting and different activities for Salisbury University's students.

With the unveiling of the new and improved Fireside Lounge last semester, the amount of students utilizing the GUC has been amazing! This semester GUC Events started out with a bang hosting the Fall Kick-Off Carnival where students could come out and meet other students, play the video games we offer at the information desk, get their picture taken with Sammy, sing karaoke, play board games and make their own ice cream sundae.

GUC was the place to watch Monday Night Football this semester. The big screen and the big leather sofa make a great place to kick back with your friends and watch the big game every Monday Night. Look forward to College Basketball this spring!

Our first-ever Pool Tournament was great. Sixteen of our talented students and future pool sharks duked for a first prize of \$50.00 and a new

pool cue. Congratulations to Jon Marsden for finishing first! We look forward to hosting more Pool Tournaments in the future.

Teaming up with Paul Land and Matt Conley of Dining Services, our cooking classes were a huge hit this semester. The Omelet Eggstravaganza filled up quickly and students had a great time learning how to flip an omelet without a spatula like a pro. Our Sushi Rolling class was such a huge success we've added an additional class to Blowout Week. Sign up early at the info desk because space is extremely limited.

If you don't get in, don't worry. GUC Events is planning more fun and exciting cooking classes for Spring semester.

Pumpkin painting on Halloween was a lot of fun. Students could stop by and pick out a pumpkin to paint and decorate and let their creativity flow in between classes and then take their pumpkin with them. Without the students none of the events would happen. Our main goal is to program events that will interest the many diverse tastes and interests of the student population at Salisbury University. We've got a lot more planned for next semester, so get excited!

Brian Lind
GUC Event Coordinator

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Temptation (Swedish Potato Casserole) • Green Bean Casserole (U.S.) •
Christmas Red Cabbage (Spain) • Haystack Supreme & Cheddar (France)
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Corrections 11/20 issue

*[The search is on for new Dean of Fulton]
- Dr. Thomas Jones was Dean of the Henson School many years before becoming interim provost, then provost, of SU.
- Dr. David Buchanan was provost and vice president of academic affairs at SU immediately prior to Dr. Jones.
- Dr. Timothy O'Rourke was the Dean of the Fulton School prior to Dr. Connie Richards, the current interim Dean of the Fulton School. Dr. O'Rourke is currently Vice President for Academic Affairs and Kenneth R. Perry Dean at Virginia Wesleyan College. Kenneth R. Perry Dean is a named position and not related or affiliated with Salisbury University.
- Dr. Maarten Pereboom, associate professor and history department chair, is seeking the Dean of Fulton School position. We sincerely apologize for leaving such an important candidate out the article. Dr. Pereboom's open interview was held on Nov. 6.

Hanukkah Dinner
Tuesday, December 11

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From the SU Pubic Relations Office.....

SU Alumnus honored at 2007 Winter Commencement ceremony

Two of Maryland's most respected legislators and an SU alumnus whose foundation is changing the world for children with terminal illnesses are honored during Salisbury University's 82nd year Winter Commencement 2 p.m. Saturday, December 15, at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center.

Delagete Norman Conway (65) receives the Lifetime Achievement Award, while Maryland Senator J. Lowell Stoltzfus receives the Service to Society Award (73). Casey Cares Foundation founder Casey Baynes (96) is bestowed the Young Alumna Award. They join some 437 students who receive 49 master's and 388 bachelor's degrees, including Commencement speaker Donovan Boyle, whose time growing up in South Africa and serving in the U.S. military gives him a unique perspective on the benefits of education.

A lifelong resident of Salisbury, Conway received his BS in elementary education in 1965 and his MEd. in 1970. He has served as a teacher and administrator in the Wicomico County school system for 37 years. His wife, Jan, also an education graduate of SU, is principal at Glen Avenue Elementary School.

Conway has always believed in two very important values first, family and friends are the most important things in the world, and second, giving back to one's community helps ensure that community will remain vibrant.

His commitment to public service began at an early age. He was elected to the Salisbury City Council in 1974, where he served for 13 years, the last five as president. He won a seat in the Maryland House of Delegates in 1986, where he is still serving the residents of the Lower Eastern Shore.

In the Maryland legislature, Conway has served on two of the most important commissions in the state: The Larson Commission, which made major recommendations for the University System of Maryland, and the Thornton Commission, which recommended major changes in state school funding on the basis of equity and adequacy for all public schools in the state. He holds senior leadership positions on two House committees

with critical importance to the Eastern Shore and to SU: chair of the Capital Budget Sub-Committee and the powerful Appropriations Committee. These positions led directly to Conway's selection as House Chair of the Joint Committee on Spending Affordability—the committee of delegates and senators charged with setting the spending limit for the state budget.

His reputation for responsibility and fairness earned him the chairmanship of the Eastern Shore Delegation from 1997-2002 and as chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Conway also has served 43 years with the Salisbury Fire Department. As a result of that service he has been inducted into the Halls of Fame of both the Delmarva Firemen's Historical Foundation and the Maryland State Firemen's Association.

Born in Portstown, PA, and receiving his B.A. in English and sociology in 1973, Stoltzfus represents District 38 comprising of Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester counties. A member of the Maryland Senate since 1992, he serves on the Budget and Taxation Committee, Chesapeake Bay Commission, Tri-County Council for the Lower Shore, and Aquaculture Advisory Committee. He also served six years as Minority Leader and four years as the Senate Minority Leader.

His previous positions with the State of Maryland include serving as a member of the House of Delegates and on committees including the Maryland Tourism Development Board, Commission to Save the Lighthouses, Special Committee to Study Issues Related to Class-Size Reduction, Study Panel to Review Economic Development Financing Programs, Task Force on Tobacco Crop Conversion, Governor's Task Force on Eastern Shore Economic Development, Joint Audit Committee, Forum for Rural Maryland and Area Agency on Aging.

The inaugural Young Alumna Award is presented to Casey Baynes. Taking classes at Harford Community College, Baynes had obtained her Associate of Arts degree by the time she graduated high school. In 1996, she earned a B.A. degree from SU and in 1998, at age 21,

became Towson University's youngest master's degree recipient. In 2000, beginning with five families, she founded the Casey Cares Foundation. While raising three children under the age of 6, she has provided programs for critically ill children and their families in six states throughout the mid-Atlantic region. The foundation is dedicated to providing uplifting and heartwarming programs to enhance the lives of critically ill children and their families. It continues to receive accolades from families and hospitals alike.

Boyle, a conflict analysis and dispute resolution major, saw the horror of apartheid first-hand before moving with his parents from South Africa to the United States at age 10. "Education was difficult, not only to attend, but also to find," he said. "I lived in a country that had boundaries separated by the color of your skin. Anything beyond that seemed almost unimportant."

Now on the cusp of earning his bachelor's degree, he plans to become a lawyer. He credited several SU faculty with his success in the classroom, including Drs. Diane Ilig and Charles Cipolla in the Sociology Department. While at SU, Boyle volunteered with the American Red Cross during Hurricane Katrina and was a discussant in the University's philosophy book discussion program at Eastern Correctional Institution. He offered the following advice for his fellow graduates: "I hope that they realize this is just the beginning. There's much more for us to do."

Among undergraduates, 222 students receive the Bachelor of Science, 175 the Bachelor of Arts, 17 the Bachelor of Fine Arts and four the Bachelor of Social Work. Graduate degrees include Master of Education—20; Master of Arts—15; Master of Business Administration—eight; Master of Science—three; and Master of Social Work—three.

Admission to commencement is by ticket only. A reception at the Civic Center follows the ceremony. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at www.salisbury.edu.

NCUR volunteers greatly needed

When Salisbury University welcomes some 2,600 of the nation's top undergraduate scholars for the 22nd National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) next April, an extensive team of volunteers are needed.

"We are looking for approximately 500 to 600 volunteers," said Heather Holmes, NCUR volunteer coordinator and SU's director of Student Activities, Organizations and Leadership. "Any students, faculty and staff who are willing to help are welcome."

From stuffing conference packets, to providing airport shuttles, to monitoring poster sessions, volunteers are needed both before and during the conference (April 10-12).

"Volunteers may select what they would like to do and we need help with everything from distributing food to setting-up and breaking-down rooms, putting up signs, managing registration and information tables, and setting-up for the beach party," Holmes said. Student clubs, honor societies and other organizations are especially encouraged to sign-up to help as a group.

In addition, NCUR organizers are looking for faculty moderators to assist with student presentations and poster sessions.

All volunteers will receive a free conference T-shirt. Other benefits include the opportunity to network with students and faculty from campuses across the United States.

"It's a great way to meet people and find out about other institutions, such as for graduate school," Holmes said. "The conference itself provides the entire campus community the chance to hear interesting student research and our four guest speakers."

NCUR is the largest professional organization in the country devoted to undergraduate research. Students from all 50 states representing 300-400 colleges and universities are expected to present in 56 different disciplines.

SU is the only university in Maryland to host NCUR and the first comprehensive university in the United States to host two NCUR conferences (the first was in 1998).

To register as a volunteer, visit the SU NCUR Web site at www.salisbury.edu/ncur22. For more information, contact Dr. Holmes at 410-546-6928.

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Out of the Suggestion Box

This column is based on the comments and concerns of students, faculty, and staff via the suggestion boxes placed around SU's campus. Please note that the suggestion box is now online at www.salisbury.edu/suggestionbox. The President's Office seeks responses to the issues raised from appropriate campus personnel. Not everything can be fixed, but a reasoned explanation can be offered. Keep these suggestions coming!

From the new online Suggestion Box:

"Please put paper towels in the 1st floor bathrooms of GUC. All the other bathrooms on campus give you the option of the blowers or paper towels but this one I hate that I wash my hands and then have to open a door that a million other people have touched who probably haven't washed their hands. This is probably the most used bathroom on campus; however it is the least up-to-date."

Lamondia Dockins-Gordy, Director of Guerrieri University Center, responded:

"Thank you for your suggestion. We are currently waiting for the arrival of new automatic paper towel dispensers."

From the new online Suggestion Box:

"I was trying to cross Camden at the crosswalk by the Leadership House, even though it's a state law that you must stop for pedestrians in cross walks, motorists don't always stop, however I DO expect one of our University Police officers (who are supposed to set examples) to stop for me when I'm in a crosswalk trying to cross the road."

Chief Edwin Lashley, Chief of University Police, responded:

"I totally agree with the suggestion and would very much invite any feedback or complaints in which officers are not in compliance with any regulation/law." The crosswalks surrounding the campus create challenges for us all and we have worked vigorously with local and state governments to make much needed improvements."

From the new online Suggestion Box:

"I think that when the University hosts special events, conferences, or anything where there will be a large crowd, there should be a fund to have these events catered. It is not fair to the students who live on campus to have to deal with these ridiculously large crowds in the Commons. The Commons is the only place some students have to eat meals, and when there is a conference (i.e. RA Convention on 11/3/07) where there are 400+ conference participants, it makes getting a meal a tedious task. So please think about the students when booking these very large events."

Paul Land, Director of Ancillary Services, responded:

"Dining Services definitely makes students our priority in the Commons Dining Hall. We do have scheduling issues from time to time, but we try to let camps, conferences and visitors know that during our peak periods they may have to wait or stagger their entrance into the Dining Hall depending on lines forming at the cashier stand. Thank you for your comments and we will remain mindful of the priority to our students."

From the new online Suggestion Box:

"When I May Concerns, as a 2004 Alumnae and current Chapter Advisor for the Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, I was disappointed to see a lack in representation of Greek Life within the 'Meet our Students' section of the site. The Greek community at SU works tirelessly to foster positive relationships with all aspects of the University, becoming involved in athletics, honors societies, and many student organizations both on and off campus. The Meet our Students section would provide an opportunity to further this ongoing effort and inform prospective students of the possibilities SU Greek life has to offer. I would be more than happy to recruit one of my girls to make a bio for the page if you are interested. Thank you!"

Elizabeth Cecia, Admissions Counselor, responded: "Thank you for bringing this request to my attention. All of our Salisbury University Hosts are invited to participate on our Meet the Students page. Among these students, there is a strong representation from Salisbury's Greek Life. Interested students are asked to respond to a set of questions and send a picture. This is a helpful way to meet our Greek members and respond as being interested in being part of our Web site. However, if a current student was interested, I would be happy to accept a candidate from any of SU's Greek organizations. If Salisbury University's Greek Organizations have students interested in being featured definitively have them contact me. With only six students to 'meet,' it is difficult to have all of SU's organizations represented."

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Student Athlete Spotlight

Erin Smith



Internet photo

By Jeffrey Southworth
Staff Writer

Erin Smith is from Bel Air, MD. She is entering her senior season as a vital member of the Salisbury University swim team. Smith plans to graduate in the spring with a degree in sociology. Smith graduated from C. Milton Wright in 2004 and has spent all four of her college years swimming for the Sea Gulls and has plans to stay involved with the team after college. She is one of only two senior swimmers on the women's squad. She will have to use her four years of experience to help lead a young Sea Gulls team. Smith and the Sea Gulls will have their next home meet as they welcome Hood College for a CAC meet at 2 p.m. on January 5.

What is your best stroke?
I'd say my best stroke is the Butterfly.

Do you have plans to coach in the future?
The past few summers I was the coach of a rec team. I hope that once I graduate and get a job I will still have time to go out and coach.

What is your favorite Christmas song?
"All I want for Christmas" by Kenny Chesney is a real good song. All his Christmas songs are good but this is definitely my favorite one.

How do you motivate yourself before a big race?
I actually get made fun of because I am the least intense person ever behind the blocks. But my main goal is to just get better times each race. I know that chances are it is going to be a close race and I have to try to beat the person next to me.

What are your personal goals for this season?
I want to break the current 100-meter fly record, which is 1:01.36.

Do you prefer swimming [com-

petitively] indoors or outdoors?
I definitely like outdoor better.

Do you have any pre-meet rituals?

As a team we try to have pasta parties the night before meets and watch a movie or hang out but personally I do not do anything special.

What was the best Christmas gift you have ever received?

The best Christmas gift ever was not a gift I got but a gift I gave to someone. One year, I got my dad a leg lamp like the one from *A Christmas Story* because he loves that movie. I spent like two days straight on eBay to win it!

Being from Maryland, Redskins or Ravens?

I am closer to Baltimore but I do not really prefer anyone. I would rather watch the games here at Salisbury because I know the people playing.

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SPORTS

December 4, 2007

No country for young men



By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

Going to bed before the last Monday in November, I was disappointed that the Redskins had lost to Tampa, giving away six turnovers and letting another close game slip through their fingers. But while most of us were sleeping, Sean Taylor was entering a battle for his life. Taylor, an all-pro safety for the Redskins, was a fan favorite and regarded around the league as one of its hardest hitters, routinely flying around the field delivering bone crushing hits.

Upon hearing the news Garcia and his daughter huddled underneath the covers. Holding a machete (Taylor couldn't own a gun because of a previous probation agreement) he went to investigate loud noises coming from his living room. Taylor's house had been broken into just days before but certainly he couldn't have anticipated what waited for him around the corner. Two shots were fired, one of which hit Taylor in the femoral artery, shattering his femur and eventually killing him, leaving all of those that felt connected with Taylor with many unanswered questions.

Why is it that black men 18 to 24 are eight times more likely to be murdered than white males that same age? How could someone who seemed to come so far fall back into that familiar narrative? What if Taylor hadn't injured his knee two weeks ago? How could a shot to the leg kill someone like Taylor? What if he had been with the team? And simply, why?

Four men have been arrested in connection with Taylor's death, none of whom are old enough to buy alcohol. One boy is only 17-years-old, and if convicted of unpremeditated murder, home invasion and armed robbery, will likely spend the rest of his days in jail. Police believe that the four men broke into Taylor's Palmetto Bay residence with the intent to rob the place, believing no one was home, only to find one of the most feared players in the NFL wielding a machete right in front of their eyes. No wonder they freaked and shot Taylor in the leg.

The Redskins and fans have mourned for Taylor all week, and across the NFL his number 21 will occupy the back of every player's helmet for the rest of the year. Taylor will definitely be on the forefront of his teammates' minds. On the Redskins' first defensive play against Buffalo, the team came out with only 10 players in remembrance of their fallen teammate and to honor the hole that this tragedy has created in the heart of the community.

NFL teams gear-up for stretch run

By Luke Kjeldsen
Staff Writer

With three quarters of the NFL season now in the rearview, it's time to separate the men from the boys and see who will grab the six playoff spots in each conference.

The AFC East is led by the New England Patriots, who have had the division title sewn up since week five. The Pats have faced no real threat from the Buffalo Bills (5-6), New York Jets (2-9), or the dreadful Miami Dolphins (0-11). The Patriots enter Week 13 of the schedule undefeated at 11-0, and have a legitimate shot at topping the 1972 Dolphins—the NFL's lone unbeaten team.

New England isn't the only team on the verge of making history, as the Dolphins have a realistic shot at going

0-16. There are only a few sure things in life, but this is one of them: New England will be the number one seed in the AFC playoffs.

Shifting gears to the AFC North, the Steelers (8-3) still hold the division lead—and most likely will hang on to it—but the upstart Cleveland Browns (7-4) are giving them all they can handle.

The AFC South should also have two representatives in the postseason, with the Indianapolis Colts (9-2) and the Jacksonville Jaguars (8-3) virtually locked for the playoffs. The only question is...who wins the division? The smart money says the Colts (who will also get the bye), with Jax earning the fifth seed.

Finally, we have the abominable AFC West, which no team seems to want to win. Even the awful Oakland

Raiders (3-8) still have an outside shot at the division.

Moving over to the NFC East, the clear favorite is the Dallas Cowboys (11-1), who will almost undoubtedly be the top seed in the NFC.

The rest of the division is a mystery, but barring another second half collapse, count on the New York Giants (7-4) to grab the fifth spot.

In the NFC North there is the Green Bay Packers (10-2) and nothing else. Period. End of story. This is your second seed in the NFC.

An honorable mention should go to the Detroit Lions (6-5), who after starting off with a bang have slumped back into their cage with a whimper.

Heading South, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (7-4) look to win their second division title in three years—and their favorable schedule the rest of the

season. Rounding out the NFC, we have the West division—arguably the worst in football. The Arizona Cardinals (5-6) could make things interesting, but don't bank on it.

The Seattle Seahawks (7-4) will most likely grab their fourth straight NFC West title en route to the number three seed in the playoffs.

To recap here are your stone-cold playoff locks:

AFC: 1. Patriots 2. Colts 3. Steelers 4. Chargers 5. Jaguars 6. Browns
NFC: 1. Cowboys 2. Packers 3. Seahawks 4. Buccaneers 5. Giants 6. Saints

Regardless of who ends up in what seed, the question for most of the season has been simple: Will anyone beat the Patriots?



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Gulls go 1-1 in 2007 Optimist Classic

By Jeffrey Southworth
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's basketball team opened up the first round of last weekend's 2007 Optimist Classic with a win over Shenandoah University on Friday night, 69-56. The win marked the end of the Sea Gulls' two-game skid and earned the team a spot in the tournament's championship round against Messiah College. The Gulls fell to the fifth-ranked Messiah College in that championship game 70-45.

Against Shenandoah the Sea Gulls grabbed control early and never looked back, as the team enjoyed a 15-point halftime advantage and never trailed. Junior Lindsey Martin led the Gulls' offense, recording a team-high 18 points, while also securing five rebounds, five assists and two steals. Martin was nearly unstop-

pable in the first half, scoring 12 of her 18 points, on 5-9 shooting. Juniors Monica Merkel and Matissa Manzo both played key roles in the Gulls' win over the Hornets. Merkel added 11 points while Manzo contributed nine points and nine rebounds. Sophomore forward Kylie Hall also contributed on both sides of the ball with nine points and 11 rebounds.

The Gulls started the second half on a 6-0 run and led the contest by as much as 23. Shenandoah put together a small run but could not cut the lead to single digits, getting as close as 11. The Gulls fought hard to maintain their double-digit lead.

Coach Charisse Mapp attributed the win to "teamwork along with continuing and regaining focus."

"It was very important [to come out strong] in the first half and critical in the second half. We needed to execute at a high level," Coach

Mapp said. The Sea Gulls controlled the glass the entire night out rebounding the Hornets 55-33, which led to 22 second chance points. The Gulls dominated the paint outscoring the Hornets 34-16.

Salisbury finished out the 2007 Optimist Classic in second place after falling to fifth-ranked Messiah College, 70-45. Merkel led the Sea Gulls in scoring with 13 points on 5-of-18 shooting. Martin added nine points and four rebounds. The Sea Gulls trailed by only two at halftime, 30-28, but were outscored 40-17 in the second half.

The sophomore forward Hall was selected to the all-tournament team after scoring 15 points and recording 17 rebounds during the tournament.

The Sea Gulls host conference rival St. Mary's on Wednesday, December 5, at 5:30 p.m. in Mags Center.

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Women's Basketball

The Salisbury University women's basketball team lost their Capital Athletic Conference opener falling to the No. 6 ranked University of Maryland 97-54 last Wednesday. The 43-point loss is the largest margin of defeat suffered by the Sea Gulls in 16 years, dating back to when Rowan downed SU 106-59 on January 7, 1992. The Eagles (4-0 CAC 1-0) had five players score in double figures, led by Ashton Mitchell who recorded 21 points and nine rebounds. After trading baskets to open the contest UMW went on a 26-6 run nine minutes into the game to take a 27-12 advantage. The Eagles would increase their lead to 51-24 by halftime. Monica Merkel recorded 18 points for the Gulls and Megan Phillips scored eight points while recording a team-high five rebounds. Salisbury had 21 turnovers, and were outscored 42-16 in the paint.

Men's Basketball

The Salisbury University men's basketball team dropped their Capital Athletic Conference opener 69-53 to the University of Maryland last Wednesday. Greg Palmer led the Gulls with 18 points

and also pulled down a team-high five rebounds. Gary Ward filled the stat sheet scoring 10 points, while recording four rebounds and four assists. Salisbury shot 32 percent from the field while the Eagles made 52 percent of their attempts. UMW's Jon Pierce and Brandon Altmann each scored 15 points to lead the Eagles in their victory.

Swimming

Salisbury University women's swim team defeated both York College and Goucher College last Saturday while the men's team downed Goucher but fell to the Spartans at York. The women's team (3-4 CAC 2-2) was led by freshman Becky Akers who won the 1000 yard freestyle race in a time of 11:18. Freshman Katy Turner won the 200 yard IM in a time of 2:19. The SU women defeated York 119-83 and downed Goucher by a margin of 112-91.

The Salisbury men's team (3-4 CAC 2-2) was led by Drew Robichaud who won the 1000 yard freestyle race in a time of 10:41. Ben Overholt and Ross Spangler finished one-two, respectively, in the 200 yard freestyle with times of 1:52 and 1:53. The men defeated Goucher, 160-28

but were defeated by York, 138-65. The Sea Gulls will take on Hood College at the Maggs Center on January 5 at 2 in a Capital Athletic Conference meet.

Women's Soccer

Salisbury University forward Kate Weaver has been selected to the 2007 ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American Women's Soccer first team, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Weaver is the 14th Sea Gull player to earn Academic All-American honors in the college division since 2001. She is the first Sea Gull to earn first team honors since Nick Pegelow was named to the 2005 baseball first team.

Weaver, a math major, holds a 4.0 grade point average and led the Gulls in all three offensive categories scoring 11 goals while adding eight assists to compile 30 points on the season. Weaver was named the 2007 CAC player of the year and was a first team All-CAC selection at forward. Weaver is ranked third all-time in goals with 36, fourth all-time in assists with 17 and is tied for second all-time in school history with 89 points.

SU men can't right ship during Optimist Classic



By Shawn Nisson
Sports Editor

The Salisbury University men's basketball team fell to 2-6 over the weekend losing twice during the 2007 Optimist Classic held in Maggs gym. The Gulls were defeated last Friday night by Albright College 78-57, and then lost to Ramapo College on Saturday 91-68. The Sea Gulls have now lost six straight games.

On Friday the Gulls fell behind early and would never come back to hold an advantage over the Lions of Albright College. Gary Ward led the team in scoring with 17 points while recording two steals, Jonas Vatikus had 10 points and a team high seven rebounds, and Brandon Abney chipped in 11 points. However, Salisbury struggled to

find an offensive rhythm against the Lions, while Albright was able to find the open player and sink the open shot. Albright's Andre Murphy was deadly from long range hitting 4-of-5 three point shots while leading all scorers with 21 points.

Salisbury shot 36 percent from the floor, and made only 14 percent of their shots from behind the three point line. SU got out rebounded 39-28 and allowed Albright to score 42 points in the paint.

Unfortunately for the Gulls, they would play no better against the Roadrunners of Ramapo College. Ward would again lead the team in scoring, this time contributing 19 points while connecting on 5-of-10 three point shots, he also added four rebounds and doled out

three assists. Ward's effort over the weekend was rewarded as he was named to the all-tournament team. Abney contributed to the Gulls cause again adding 15 points and four rebounds in the loss.

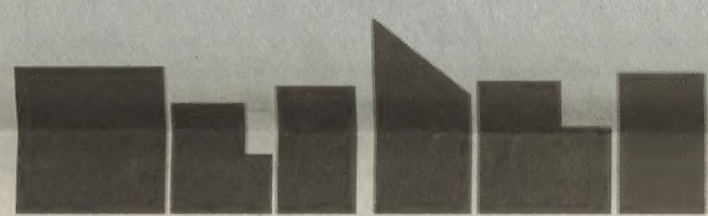
Ramapo was led by Tim Wesley who scored a game high 23 points on 10-of-12 shooting while also handing out five assists. Omar Alston scored 13 points and had five rebounds, while Ahmad Hassan came off the bench to record 20 points, three assists, and six steals in 21 minutes on the floor. The Sea Gulls again had trouble defending the paint as the Roadrunners held a 56-18 advantage in that department.

Salisbury's next home game will be Wednesday, December 5 as they face off with St. Mary's in a Capital Athletic Conference battle.

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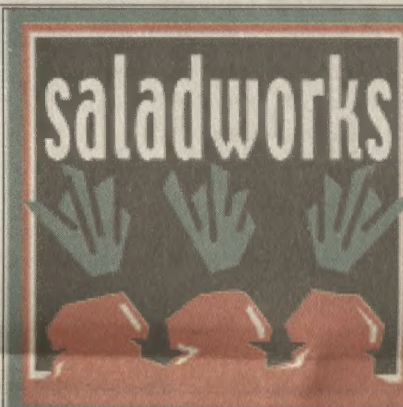
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Tuesday-12/4	Wednesday-12/5	Thursday-12/6	Friday-12/7	Saturday-12/8	Sunday- 12/9	Monday- 12/10
	5:30 pm Women's Basketball vs. St. Mary's (Md.) 7:30 pm Men's Basketball vs. St. Mary's (Md.)			4 pm Men's Basketball vs. York (Pa.)		